

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED
CIRCUIT DEVICE AND FLASH
EEPROM



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A semiconductor integrated circuit device comprising:

a semiconductor substrate on which a plurality of transistors including gate insulation films
of different thicknesses are formed; and

an input/output terminal formed on the semiconductor substrate, wherein a transistor
physically connected directly to the input/output terminal is one of the transistors other than a
transistor having the thinnest gate insulation film.

Please add new claims 21-42 as follows:

--21. (New) A semiconductor integrated circuit device comprising: